



FLORENCE STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM APPLICATION

Name _____ Birthday _____ Age _____ Grade _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

E-Mail _____ School _____

Parents Name _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

2 Letters of Recommendation (from an adult in a position of authority i.e. teacher, religious leader, supervisor, scout leader, etc. **must** accompany the application) are **provided by:**

Division in which you will compete:

_____ Senior Ambassadors - Male and Female selected from grades 10-12

_____ Junior Ambassador - Male and Female selected from grades 8 & 9

_____ Youth Ambassador - Male and Female selected from grades 6 & 7

Volunteer/Community Service Experience (past & current) _____

Extra-curricular Activities _____

References – Provide two (2) names of a person you know (no family members)

Name _____ Title _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Organization/Business _____ Number of Years Known _____

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Address _____ Phone _____

Organization/Business _____ Number of Years Known _____

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be City of Florence resident
- Must be in grades 6-12 during Ambassador term

For questions contact Vanessa L. Lenear, CPRP at (859) 647-5439.

Applications must be received by March 17, 2010, by 5 p.m. and can be delivered or mailed to: City of Florence, 8100 Ewing Boulevard, Florence, KY 41042, ATTN: Vanessa L. Lenear, CPRP



Dear Students,

The City of Florence invites you to participate in our new youth leadership program, the Florence Student Ambassador Program. Six City residents will be selected annually to represent the City and the youth of our community at City sponsored events and various Northern Kentucky community events. This program will provide our Ambassadors with opportunities that will enhance their profiles as youth leaders through expanded community involvement, personal development in public speaking, increased community knowledge, and exposure to various community organizations and their members.

Our Senior Ambassadors will each receive a \$500.00 scholarship and all Ambassadors will receive City logo shirts to wear when representing the City at various events.

Application Process

Submit your completed application by **Wednesday, March 17, 2010**, and be sure to include a letter of recommendation from an adult in a position of authority, but not your parents. Eligible applicants will be notified and will enter the Competition Phase of the Program.

Eligible participants will be provided with an essay topic and will submit an approximately 500 word essay by **Wednesday, March 24, 2010**. Essays will be scored by the judges. Scoring criteria: Justification for the position expressed - 40%, Responding to the essay topic – 15%, Spelling - 15%, Grammar - 15% and Neatness - 15%,.

The top 4 essays (2 male and 2 female) in each age group will be notified and will move on to the live competition scheduled for **Saturday, May 15, 2010**. The live competition will consist of interviews with program judges about the students activities and interests and a question & answer session with program judges based on the submitted essays. Judges will select a male and female winner in each grade range based on the following criteria: Communication/Public Speaking Skill - 40%, Appearance - 15%, Personality - 15%, Extra-curricular Activities - 15%, Volunteer Experience - 15%.

Student Ambassadors must agree to be available to attend and participate in most community events throughout the year, including evenings, weekends & holidays from May to April. These events include the Memorial Day Parade & Program, Neighborhood Night Outs, July 4th Celebration, Labor Day Parade, Pooch Festival, Halloween Night Out, Veterans Day, Christmas Tree Lighting, Dr. King Program, President's Display, Youth in Government Night, Easter Egg Hunt, Arbor Day Program, Great American Clean Up and additional Northern Kentucky community events to be determined.

We believe this program will be a tremendous opportunity for our residents and encourage you to apply to become a Florence Student Ambassador.

Sincerely,

Diane E. Whalen, Mayor

FLORENCE STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Six (6) student residents, three (3) boys and three (3) girls will be selected annually to participate in this program. The age groups will be grades 6 & 7, 8 & 9 and 10-12. This City of Florence sponsored program has the Parks & Recreation Administrator and an adult volunteer designated as the Program Coordinator.

Purpose: To provide Florence residents with opportunities that will enhance their profiles as youth leaders through community involvement.

Ambassador Activities

- Participate in City sponsored events
- Represent the City of Florence at various Northern Kentucky community events

Benefits

- Personal development in public speaking
- Increased community knowledge
- Exposure to various community organizations and their members
- May qualify for school required community service hours
- Financial scholarship for Senior Ambassadors grades 10-12

Application Requirements

- City of Florence resident
- Must be in grades 6-12 during the Ambassador term
- Submit completed application by due date
Letter of recommendation (from an adult in a position of authority i.e. teacher, religious or scout leader, supervisor, etc.) **must** accompany the application
- Eligible participants will be notified and will enter the Competition Phase of the program

Competition Phase

Step 1 - Submit an Essay (500 word minimum) on a topic selected by the Program by due date. Top 4 essays in each age group as determined by the judges will move to Step 2.

Step 2 - Participate in the interviews with Program Judges answering questions related to the essay

- Judges select a male and female winner in each division

Judges selection criteria

- Essay contents based on the topic
- Clarity/Grammar
- Communication/Public Speaking Skills
- Creativity
- Appearance
- Extra-curricular Activities
- Volunteer Experience
- Personality

Ambassador Requirements

- Be available to attend and participate in community events throughout the year including evenings, weekends and holidays
- Be available during the selection of the new Ambassadors

Term - One year from May 2010 to April 2011